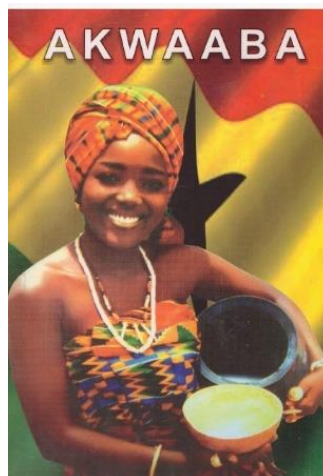


WHO Ghana Information Note

**WHO - IPU AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY HIGH-
LEVEL CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING
HEALTH SECURITY PREPAREDNESS**

ACCRA, GHANA, 08 – 10 NOVEMBER 2023
KEMPINSKI HOTEL, GOLD COAST CITY, ACCRA, GHANA



Welcome to Accra - We are very pleased that you could join us for this conference.

Please find below various administrative details to make your stay in Accra, Ghana more comfortable.

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Accra is the capital of Ghana. Day time temperatures are between **26 to 30°C** during the month of November 2023.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at the Kempinski Hotel, Accra which is about **20 minutes** drive from **Kotoka International Airport**. Contact details for the hotel are as follows:

Tel.: + 233 (0) 242 436 000
Cell: + 233 (0) 540 123 042
Email: reservations.accra@kempinski.com
Prosper.anku@kempinski.com

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Selected hotels to provide you with accommodation during your stay include:

- Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City
- Marriot Hotel
- Movenpick Ambassador
- Ibis Styles Hotel.
- Lancaster Hotel,
- Accra City Hotel
- Tang Palace Hotel

All participants are requested to make **EARLY** and **DIRECT** reservations with the hotel of choice with obuobieg@who.int; haganc@who.int; amipareissahm@who.int; arthursarpongs@who.int; mankampav@who.int and fahassan@who.int in **COPY** latest by the indicated respective cut-off dates. **Kindly inform the hotel that you'll be attending the WHO-IPU Conference when making the reservation to qualify for the negotiated rates.** Each participant will be requested to pay for his/her accommodation directly to the hotel. *Additional information with negotiated accommodation rates details can be found in Annex 1.*

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

VISA: Participants who are nationals of **ECOWAS** countries **DO NOT** require an entry visa into Ghana. As such, those from other countries are to obtain their visas from a **Ghanaian Embassy** or **Consulate** nearest them. Similarly, UN Laissez Passer Holders **DO NOT** require an entry visa to Ghana.

Participants from countries where there are no Ghana Missions are to **send scanned copies** of their relevant **passport pages** to WHO Country Office Ghana to the Travel and Protocol Focal Point (obuobieg@who.int) with

(haganc@who.int; amipareissahm@who.int); (arthursarpongs@who.int) **in COPY at least TWO WEEKS before their arrival** to facilitate the issuance of visa on arrival. Visas issued on arrival cost **USD 150**.

NB: *Visa support letter is compulsory before boarding on some flights like Asky, Ethiopian Airlines.*

CURRENCY

The currency of Ghana is GH¢ (Ghana cedi) in the following denominations:

Notes: 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1 (GH¢)

Coins: 50, 20, 10, 5, 1, pesewa(s)

The UN Exchange rate as of September 2023 is USD 1.00 to GH¢11.4. (UN Exchange rate for November 2023 may be slightly different). The hotels accept Visa, Master and Credit Cards as well as cash payments.

HEALTH

Participants should have valid vaccination certificates. For participants coming from non-endemic countries, prescribed dosages of Malaria prophylactics should be taken according to a physician's recommendation.

Should there be the need for medical assistance, the following could be contacted through the WHO Secretariat:

Contact numbers

1. Euracare Hospital – **Ms Anne-Rita Solano** +233 (0) 559 542 220
2. Nyaho Medical Centre - **Mr Francis Oppong** + 233 (0) 307 086 490/ 233 (0) 501 578 793
3. Trust Hospital – **Mr Philip Beyuo** +233 (0) 205 888 362
4. Ridge Hospital – **Mr Sylvester Elikplim** +233 (0) 546 165 920
5. 37 Military Hospital – **Charles Acheampong** +233 (0)244579127
1. Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital +233 302 739510
2. UN Clinic – **Dr Abanda** +233 (0) 501 510 036

Cost for all medical treatment will be borne by participants

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply in Ghana is at 220-240 volts, 50 cycle AC. Recommended plugs are 2-pin round or 3-pin square. Please bring adapters if required.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Kempinski and the indicated hotels will be responsible for the airport transfers of all participants. A representative from each hotel will be on standby at the exit of the airport arrival hall bearing the hotel sign and the names of participants following the respective hotel reservations. Kindly share your arrival details with haganc@who.int, amipareissahm@who.int, with copy to arthursarpongs@who.int and fahassan@who.int for complementary pickups. **Also, indicate the name of the hotel where you have made room reservation when sending the arrival details.**

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Registration of participants will take place in the lobby of the Kempinski Hotel on 08 November 2023 from **07h30**. We recommend early registration to ensure that the sessions begin on time.

MEMORABLE SITES TO VISIT



Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum



Accra Arts Center

RESTAURANTS

Please see below a number of identified restaurants with their contact details. The restaurants are not around the conference venue but reliable taxis can be arranged from the hotels. Various continental dishes and local dishes such as Banku and tilapia or okro stew, fufu with soup, ampesi with palava sauce etc are served.

- Buka Restaurant – + 233 (0) 302 782953, + 233 (0) 244 842 464
- African City Cuisine - +233 (0) 303 975 582
- Captain Hooks Restaurant - + 233 (0) 302 762 228

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Mrs Matilda Amipare Issah, Programme Assistant amipareissahm@who.int; +233 544 316 016

Ms Selma Arthur-Sarpong, Programme Assistant, arthursapongs@who.int; +233 240215596

CONTACT OF UN SECURITY OFFICER

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Christophe.ky@undss.org

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Dr Dick Chamla – chamlad@who.int

Dr Mary Stephen – stephenm@who.int

Ms Faiza Hassan – fahassan@who.int

CONTACTS IN WHO/HQ

Mr Ludy Prapancha- suryantorol@who.int

Ms Romina Shelter- stelterr@who.int

ANNEX 1: ACCOMMODATION

FIVE STAR							
Name	Rooms Available	Standard Room Single Occupancy	Superior Room Single Occupancy	Twin Room (Double Occupancy with 2 Separate Beds)	Booking Code	Email	Cut-Off Date
KEMPINSKI HOTEL	25	\$380.00				reservations.accra@kempinski.com	20.10.2023
MOVENPICK	50		\$232.00	\$272	WHO Guest	hotel.accra.reservations@movenpick.com	16.10.2023
MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL	40	\$232.00			Book your group rate for W.H.O	Ramatu.A.Wayo@marriott.com	24.10.2023
FOUR STAR							
Name	Rooms Available	Standard Room Single Occupancy	Superior Room Single Occupancy	Twin Room (Double Occupancy with 2 Separate Beds)	Booking Code	Email	Cut-Off Date
ACCRA CITY HOTEL	90- Standard 20- Superior	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$160	WHO 1123	reservations@accracityhotel.com	20.10.2023
TANG PALACE	67	\$165.00			WHO GRP 23 ACC	fom@tangpalacehotel.com.gh	01.11.2023
LANCASTER	80	\$150.00	\$180.00		WHO LAN 1123	reservations@lancasteraccra.com	27.10.2023
THREE STAR							
Name	Rooms Available	Standard Room Single Occupancy	Superior Room Single Occupancy	Twin Room (Double Occupancy with 2 Separate Beds)	Booking Code	Email	Cut-Off Date
IBIS HOTEL	30	\$130.00			WHO IPU	HA0K0-RE@accor.com	23.10.2023
Early arrival cannot be granted unless you paid the night prior your arrival for securing the room							
Late checking out cannot be guaranteed and is subject to availability.							
Checking-in time is set at 3pm, check-out is 12noon day of departure date							